

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BJORKDALE NO. 426**

The minutes of the regular meeting of council for the Rural Municipality of Bjorkdale No. 426 held in the Municipal Office at 213A Forest View in Bjorkdale on Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Present:

Reeve: Todd Hamel

Councillor Division 1: Brett Norum

Councillor Division 3: Steven Stewart

Councillor Division 5: John Andris

Councillor Division 6: Jon Hudak

Administrator: Cherie Hudon

Via Telephone Conference:

Councillor Division 2: Gilbert Desrosiers

Absent:

Councillor Division 4: James Spedding

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Todd Hamel at 9:00 AM

Delegate Arrived

Sgt. Sean Carlson, Rose Valley RCMP Detachment, arrived at 9:04 AM to introduce himself as well as discuss Council concerns within our RM.

Delegate Departed

Sgt Sean Carlson departed the meeting at 10:02 AM.

Delegates Arrived

Nicholas and Bryan Patchin, Rate Payers, arrived at 10:13 AM to discuss a beaver control position within the RM.

Delegates Departed

Nicholas and Bryan Patchin departed the meeting at 10:51 AM.

Beaver Control Position

049-25. Brett Norum:

That the RM of Bjorkdale hire Nicholas Patchin for the purpose of beaver control at a rate of \$25.00 per hour, \$0.70 for mileage and \$10.00 per hour if use of a quad or Argo is necessary. **Carried**

Delegates Arrived Via Telephone Conference

Shauna and Vince, ConXWireless, joined the meeting at 11:02 AM to discuss GPS tracking systems for the RM gravel trucks .

Delegates Departed Via Telephone Conference

Shauna and Vince of ConXWireless departed the meeting at 11:20 AM.

- Minutes  
Regular Meeting 050-25. John Andris:  
That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of council held February 12, 2025, be approved. **Carried**
- Policy HR - 01  
Employee Policy 051-25. John Andris:  
That the Employee Policy for the RM of Bjorkdale, Number HR - 01, be updated and amended as follows:
- Remove section “i” indicating that the maximum number of hours paid in a month to employees shall be 220.
  - Remove section “j” indicating that grader operators shall be guaranteed 160 hours in the months of November, December, January, February and March in any given year. **Carried**
- Delegate Arrived Tony Kapeller, Rate Payer, arrived at 1:03 PM to discuss snow removal on the road straight east of the junction at Crooked River on highway 23 to the Peesane Grid.
- Delegate Departed Tony Kapeller departed the meeting at 1:19 PM.
- Engineering  
Utke & Hoffus  
Bridge Replacement 052-25. Jon Hudak:  
That the service agreement and scope of work provided by SARM Bridge Services for engineering related to the replacement of the Utke Bridge, located NW 10-42-12 W2, and Hoffus Bridge, located NE 28-42-11 W2, be accepted and signed as presented in the approximate amount of \$54,737.31. **Carried**
- Financial Stmt. 053-25. John Andris:  
That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of February 2025 be accepted as presented by the Administrator. **Carried**
- Ratify Accounts 054-25. Jon Hudak:  
That we ratify payment of Other Payments 0015 to 0021 totaling \$8,750.00, 0022 to 0028 totaling \$23,364.85 and 2025-0031 to 2024-0056 totaling \$50,928.22 as per attached listings presented by the Administrator. **Carried**
- Accts. for Approval 055-25. Todd Hamel:  
That the accounts submitted for payment by Cheques 14513 to 14555 totaling \$156,396.90 as per attached listings presented by the Administrator, be approved for payment. **Carried**

Swimming Lessons 056-25. Bert Desrosiers:  
Marean Lake That the RM of Bjorkdale grants Morgan, Blaire and Jade Otsig permission to provide swimming lessons at Marean Lake’s main beach for the 2025 season. **Carried**

Special Occasion 057-25. Brett Norum:  
Permit That the RM of Bjorkdale approves the request received from Rocquelle Braaton to obtain a liquor license / Special Occasion Permit for the purpose of a wedding to be held at the Christ the King Bible Camp at Marean Lake within the RM of Bjorkdale, Land Location NE 01-41-12 W2, on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 from 4:00PM until 2:00 AM. **Carried**

Barrier Ford 058-25. John Andris:  
Seasonal Camping That council accepts the following fees for 2025 set by the Hamlet  
Fees of Barrier Ford board for the purpose of seasonal camping:

Seasonal Camping Site	\$1,000.00 per year
Seasonal Camping Site Storage	\$100.00 per year

**Carried**

Barrier Ford 059-25. Steven Stewart:  
Seasonal Boat That council accepts the following fees for 2025 set by the Hamlet  
Docking Fees of Barrier Ford board for the purpose of seasonal boat docking:

Seasonal Boat Docking Spot	\$300.00 per year
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**Carried**

Barrier Ford 060-25. Brett Norum:  
Seasonal Storage That council accepts the following fees for 2025 set by the Hamlet  
Site Fees of Barrier Ford board for the purpose of seasonal storage Sites:

Seasonal Storage Sites	\$100.00 per year
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**Carried**

Marean Lake 061-25. Jon Hudak:  
Seasonal Boat That council accept the following fees set by the Marean Lake  
Docking Fees Advisory Committee for the purpose of seasonal boat docking:

Co-op Docking Spot:	\$300.00 per year	Pontoon Boat
	\$200.00 per year	Regular Boat
RM Docking Spot:	\$600.00 per year	Pontoon Boat
	\$400.00 per year	Regular Boat

**Carried**

Pest Control 062-25. Todd Hamel:  
Paslawski, Tanner That Pest Control Officer, Tanner Paslawski, perform his services where requested by council or rate payers as well as the odd numbered divisions within the RM for 2025. **Carried**

Bylaw Officer Annual Appoint. 063-25. Jon Hudak:  
 That the Council of the Rural Municipality of Bjorkdale No. 426 appoints, Nick Miles of North East Enforcement Services, as Bylaw Officer pursuant to section 373 of *The Municipalities Act* for the purposes of bylaw enforcement and therefore shall be considered a Peace Officer for the purposes of bylaw enforcement under *The Summary Offences Procedure Act, 1990*. Appointment term defined as April 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. **Carried**

Meeting Date Change – April 064-25. Steven Stewart:  
 That the regular council meeting date of April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 be changed to April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. **Carried**

Records Retention Disposal 065-25. Brett Norum:  
 That Council approves the destruction of all documents listed within the Records Retention and Disposal Schedule attached, further that the following boxes be slated for destruction as per Provincial Archives Records Retention and Disposal Guide:

General Ledger:

1950-1952	1953-1955	1956-1959	1960-1963
1964-1966	1967-1969	1970-1972	1973-1975
1976-1978	1979-1981	1982-1987	1988

Ledger Transfer:

1938-1949

Box:

1960A	1987A	2001A	2002A
2003A	2004A	2005A	2006A
2011A			

**Carried**

Policy C - 01 Council Remuneration 066-25. Todd Hamel:  
 That the Council Remuneration Policy for the RM of Bjorkdale, Number C - 01, be updated and amended as follows:

- Remuneration for supervision of public works per day be increased to \$150.00 and \$75.00 per half day.
- Remuneration for committee meetings per day be increased to \$150 and \$75.00 per half day.

**Carried**

Rescind Motion 022-25 – Mileage Rate Increase 067-25. Brett Norum:  
 That motion number 022-25. be rescinded. **Carried**

Mileage Rate 068-25. Jon Hudak:  
That effective January 1, 2025, the KM reimbursement rate for the use of personal vehicles to conduct RM business for council and employees shall reflect the Revenue Canada Rate and further that Policy C-01, Council Remuneration and Policy HR-01 Employee Policy be updated to reflect such change. **Carried**

Meal Allowance Rate 069-25. Bert Desrosiers:  
That effective January 1, 2025, the meal allowance reimbursement rate for council and employees shall reflect the Revenue Canada Rate and further that Policy C-01, Council Remuneration and Policy HR-01 Employee Policy be updated to reflect such change. **Carried**

Departing Gifts Policy No. A – 07 070-25. Todd Hamel:  
That the Departing Gifts Policy presented to council, for the purpose of establishing guidelines with regards to departing gifts for long term employees and council members, be approved. **Carried**

Coyote Bounty 071-25. Brett Norum:  
That a Coyote Bounty be put into place for the Rural Municipality of Bjorkdale commencing March 24, 2025 and ending April 30, 2025. Payment of \$30.00 per set of four coyote paws will be provided by the RM to the established bounty hunters with a current trapper’s license within each division. **Carried**

Road Maint. Agreement 072-25. Jon Hudak:  
That we approve a road maintenance agreement, with the municipality responsible for maintenance, with **RM of Nipawin No. 487** for hauling using municipal roads from our shared pit on NW 28-41-12 W2 North to Primary Grid No. 773 then East to Primary Grid No 679 then North to Highway No 23. Allowable weights are the legal weights for the haul period in the province of Saskatchewan for municipal roads, unless otherwise stated by the Rural Municipality. **Carried**

Correspondence No correspondence at this time.

Adjourned 073-25. Bert Desrosiers:  
That the meeting be adjourned at 4:26 PM. **Carried**

Minutes approved by resolution of Council on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

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Administrator